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"Farewell, broders, if yo's gwine fo' to go, We'll weep fo' to see yo' face once mo', wails out a dusky maiden on the shore, and "On de lebee by the ribber side."

roll the united voices. "I've left my girl in New Orleans, Fo' she is young, jes in har teens trills a thin tenor from the deck and again "On de lebee by de riber side."

"Ducks play cyards an' chickens drinks wine, An' de monkey grow on de grape vine. Co'n sta'ch pudding and tapioca pie, Oh! de gray cat pick out the brack cat's eye!" thrillingly announces the heavy bass, while the dual crowd breaks into united rhythmical sway at the rousing refrain: "Walk that, Loo, O Miss Loo!

An' ah' heah we go! Fo' we ah gwine fo' to leabe you, good-by, good-Fo' we sh gwine fo' to leabe you, good-by Liza

The echo scarcely dies away when a rival songster on the shore begins: "Monkey dress" in soldier clo'se: All cross ober to Jordan! Went out in de woods fo' to drill de crowd; O' Jarusa lem! Jay bird sat on ole hickory limb;

All cross ober to Jordan

I up wid a rock and hit him on de chin; O! Ja-ru-sa-lem!" And then the excited crowd sweeps with wild enthusiasm into:

"Shine on! Shine on! All cross ober to Jordan Then shine on! Shine on! O Ja-ru-sa-lem! Next a woman's figure breaks out from th levee crowd with waving arms and swaying body and proclaims in a ringing treble: "Oh, I long fo' to reach dat heavenly sho' To meet of Peter stan'in' at de do'. He say to me, 'O! how you do? Come sit right yonder in de goi'en pew;

To dip in de gol'en sea." And the sympathetic brethren swells the

Fo' de good colo'd people do go clah froo

Den dip me! bave me! Sisters, you and me! Come git in de boat, fo' we all gwine to float Fo' to dip in de gol'en sen!

This is evidently a favorite air and the throng becomes frantic with enthusiasm as it repeats it with many a quaint stanza. An ecstatic sister takes up the burden again with Good Mr. Jesus a sitting in de prow. Come all yo' niggaha make yo' bow! Oh! I look down on de world below An' watch dem white trash shubblin snow, While angel fishes da nip my toe

While I dip in de gol'en sea! Then the responsive chorus swells out, and again the basso prefunde of the crew deteror the sisters shall not have a monopoly ingly refers to the erratic mother of them

Oh! Adam he was fus' built man, Dat's jis' what de Good Book say; And Ebe come nex', den sin began, Dat's jis' what de Good Book say. Ebe bit de apple right in two, A wicked fing fo' Ebe te de; Yee, dat's what de Good Book say! But his effort to silence them is futile, for they join with him in unabated gusto in

Dat's jes' what de Good Book say, it am; Yes, dat's what de Good Book say; Jes' read it froe, you'll find it true, Fo' dat's what de Good Book say. Another biblical expounder is quick at

hand to continue the song: Dah wah a man, he name wah Lot, Dat's jis' what de Good Book say; An' he hab a wife an' daughter got, Dat's jis' what de Good Book say. He wife she balk an' make a halt, An' de Lord he turn hah into salt:

Oh! dat's what de Good Book say But the swaying, time beating crowd or shore is now fast receding from visw, and the bont's many voiced crew unites with heart stirring earnestness in:

I'se gwine f'om de cotton fields, i'se gwine f'om I'se gwine f'em de el' log hut dat stan's down ir

De boat am in de riber, dat comes to take me off, An' I'se gwine to jine de ex-o-dus, and strike out fo' de no'f. And afar over the moonlit waters faint

notes of weird melodies came floating like a distant echo of this pathetic strain.-Chicago The Girls Who Know It All.

The very naughty girl, the sister or the consin of the well known John who put so much ginger in his lemonade that he was really quite wild, you know, snatches a fearful joy from the newspaper stories of the cocaine habit, the quinine habit, the morphine habit and the rest. If, at any time in her life, any of these drugs have been prescribed by her physician, she recalls with wonder and amazement the feelings with which she took it, persuades herself that she was wildly exhibitated, or hilled to a won-derful, dremaless slumber, and that she is enduring agonies of longing for another desi of the fell destroyer. To hear one of these innocent passies chatter is amusing enough, but they really hurt themselves with their imaginings, and if Dixey or some other great moral reformer would but take them in hand he would do them good service. The ridicu-lousness of fancying that one is worse than one is does not make the practice less injurious, As for the real victims of the "habits," they

are not so many that the doctors cannot at tend to them.—Boston Transcript. Cannot be Redeemed.

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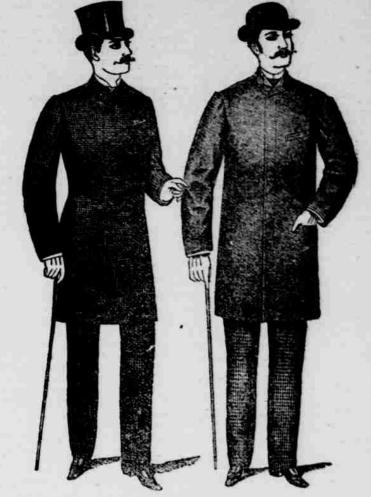
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